



FBC News

"If you are waiting on God, do what waiters do: serve."

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Moving Along

Things are still moving along as FBC sorts through 164 years of fellowship together. The Save, Repurpose, and Recycle Team had three old pianos and the large old safe removed at the end of June, and then they met again in July to remove half a ton of scrap metal! Thank you, Jeanne Petrosky, for organizing these tasks! And thank you to the whole team for all the heavy lifting...literally.

And, blessings on the wonderful workers who labored to get the pianos down some impressively steep stairs.



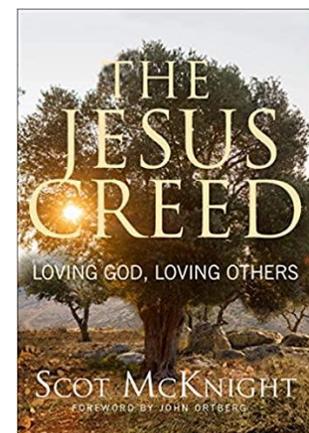
The Save, Repurpose, and Recycle Team also sorted through books in Echo Hall and the Library as well as old files in the office. They gave away some old children's chairs and worked on finding homes for the remaining furniture on the third floor. We're making progress!

The Jesus Creed – Fall Learning Community

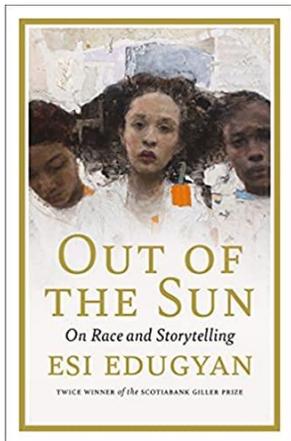
Memorizing the Great Commandment is one thing, but living by it is quite another. One of today's most engaging and sought-after Biblical scholars, Scot McKnight demystifies this ancient creed and reveals its power to transform the lives of believers today. He explores how Jesus connected the ancient Jewish commandments to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength" and to "Love your neighbor as yourself" to become the foundation of his ministry.

If you would like a copy of the book, email the office!

Then join Joel Dugan on Sundays at 9:15am on Zoom starting on September 18th to explore loving God and loving others.



Out of the Sun: On Race and Storytelling – Fall Book Group



Our Book Group chose our next book! And we invite you, and anyone you would like to invite, to join us in September as we begin our fall season reading *Out of The Sun: On Race and Storytelling* by Esi Edugyan.

Out of the Sun examines Black histories filtered through and depicted in art, and shows how new perspectives upend the larger, known narrative. History is a construction. What happens when we begin to consider stories at the margins, when we grant them a centrality? How does that complicate our certainties about who we are, as individuals, as nations, as human beings?

The first two meetings will be September 7th and 21st at 7:30pm on Zoom, and the group will meet about twice per month. Reach out to the office to find out how you can receive a free copy of the book to join the conversation.

Research Study on LGBTQ Inclusion in Church

Are you an adult (18 years or older) member of First Baptist who identifies as LGBTQ+? If so, please consider participating in a research study being conducted by Dr. Megan Yost, a professor at Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA).

The purpose is to learn about LGBTQ people who have found a home in a welcoming congregation, because most other research on this topic has examined LGBTQ people who have left churches due to experiences with sexual prejudice. To learn more about the study, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/3b3srway> for a video introduction, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p93xy5t> for a written description.

What's Happening at FBC! 📅

Check out these upcoming events! We have a very busy fall, so mark your calendars now. Visit us online to find links at www.FBCPottstown.org.

- July 24th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with guest Rev. Dr. Rachael Lawrence
- July 25th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- July 31st at 10:30am Worship on Zoom
- July 31st at 5pm Ministry and Money Team (at FBC)
- Aug 7th at 10:30am Prayer and Communion Service on Zoom
- Aug 7th at 12pm Pool Party at the Forrest's House
- Aug 14th at 10:30am Worship on Zoom with Rev. Dr. Marvin Marsh
- Aug 18th at 11am Save, Recycle, Repurpose Team
- Aug 18th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- Aug 22nd at 4:30pm Board of Spiritual Life
- Sept 7th at 7:30pm Book Group – *Out of the Sun*
- Sept 15th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- Sept 18th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Sept 21st at 7:30pm Book Group – *Out of the Sun*
- Sept 25th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Oct 2nd at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Oct 2nd at 10:30am Online Worship and Communion

- Oct 2nd at TBD In-person Worship and Communion
- Oct 2nd at 4:30pm Community Forum: The Dangers of Christian Nationalism
- Oct 9th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Oct 9th at 10:30am Online Worship
- Oct 9th at 4:30pm Community Forum: The Dangers of Christian Nationalism
- Oct 16th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Oct 16th at 10:30am Online Worship
- Oct 16th at 4:30pm Community Forum: The Dangers of Christian Nationalism
- Oct 20th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- Oct 23rd at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Oct 30th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*
- Nov 6th at 9:15am Learning Community – *The Jesus Creed*

Financial Info

We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen! Thank you!

Offering Income in June	\$ 4,848.66
Rental Income in June	\$ 5,350.00
Other Income in June	\$ 0.00
<hr/> Total income in June	<hr/> \$10,198.66
 Expenses in June	 \$14,235.11
 Net Loss for June	 \$ 4,036.45



Do you have anything you'd like to add to the next edition of FBC News?

Email details to the office at office@FBCPottstown.org by August 15th!